

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 and 40-47 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-24 and 40-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davia and Brauer. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Each of applicant's claims recites condition and layout pairs and when condition of a pair is satisfied, displaying an element in accordance with the layout of the pair. Independent claim 1 recites "displaying the element in accordance with the first layout when it is determined that the first condition is satisfied." Independent claim 10 recites "displaying on the display the element in accordance with the first layout when the first condition is satisfied." Independent claims 13 and 22 recite "displaying the element in accordance with a layout of a pair when the condition of the pair is satisfied." Independent claim 40 recites "wherein the element is laid out in accordance with the first layout when the first condition is satisfied and with the second layout when the second condition is satisfied."

In rejecting the claims, the Examiner recognizes that Davia does not teach "a display component that generates a display based on the display description file by displaying the element in accordance with a layout of a pair when the condition of the pair is satisfied." (Office Action, Mar. 3, 2010, p. 4.) To cure this deficiency, the Examiner relies on Brauer at paragraphs 69-73. Applicant respectfully submits that Brauer does not have condition and layout pairs and thus does not describe when the condition of a pair is satisfied, displaying an element in accordance with the layout of the pair.

The relied-upon portion of Brauer describes a technique for separating content and layout of formatted objects. Example A of Brauer illustrates a formatted object in which content is not separated from layout as follows:

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<text:p style:style-name="text body">  
  <style:properties fo:font-style="italics"/>  
  This paragraph is displayed using italicized and bold font.  
</text:p>
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The first line is a text element that refers to a previously defined style element named "text body," which specifies a font style of bold for the text element. The second line is a style element that specifies a font style of italics for the text element. The third line is the text of the text element. When the text is displayed, it is displayed in italics and bold.

Because the text element includes both text and a style element, Brauer considers the text element to be a "formatted object" with both layout and content. Brauer's technique separates the layout from the content so that the text element no longer contains the style element by, for example, adding the italics font style to the "text body" style so that the paragraph is displayed in bold and italics simply by reference to the "text body" style.

The relied-upon portions of Brauer describe the flow chart of Figure 1B, which illustrates the separating of layout from content as illustrated by Figure 3A to Figure 3B. Figure 3A shows an XML file with formatted objects, and Figure 3B shows an XML file with layout and content of the formatted objects separated. Figure 1B, however, does not describe "generat[ing] a display based on the display description file by displaying the element in accordance with a layout of a pair when the condition of the pair is satisfied" as the Examiner suggests. (Office Action, March 3, 2010, p. 4.) Figure 1B simply describes generating a new XML file and does not describe any displaying, and certainly does not describe displaying an element in a layout based on whether a condition is satisfied.

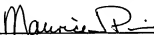
Based upon the above remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or

believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268006US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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